



## Marvin W Homan

August 24, 1926 - June 2, 2021

Marvin Walter Homan, age 94, of Columbus, Ohio passed away June 2, 2021, at his home, at the Forum of Knightsbridge. Marvin was born on August 24, 1926 in Dayton, Ohio. He was a devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, and great grandfather. Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, Olive and Walter Homan; his wife, Dorothy May Homan; and his son, David Walter Homan. He is survived by his daughter, Jane Ann and son-in-law Logan Parrott of Campbellsville Kentucky. He has six grandchildren; Sarah Ray and family of Central City Kentucky, Tiffany Overstreet and family of Campbellsville Kentucky, Joshua Parrott and family of Louisville Kentucky, Christopher Homan and family, Kevin Homan and family, and Leah Gillis and family, all of Columbus, Ohio, and twelve great grandchildren. Marvin was a second-generation Ohio State University graduate, where he interned in the sports information department. Upon graduating, he continued working in the OSU athletic department, where he served for over 40 years. He was awarded the loyalty award in 1998 and was inducted into the Ohio State University Hall of Fame in September 2007. Marvin will be remembered as the "Voice of the Buckeyes," due to his announcing of OSU football and basketball games for WOSU radio. Marvin loved his family, the Ohio State University Buckeyes, The St. Louis Cardinals, his beloved pug Mai-Ling, and traveling. He travelled to all 50 states, had two memorable trips to Europe, and attended many bowl games. Marvin was a member of North Community Lutheran Church and lived in Worthington for 48 years, before moving to the Forum in 2007. Visitation will be held Tuesday, June 8 from 10:00 am -1:30 pm at the RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High Street, Worthington, Ohio. Services begin at 1:30 pm, with interment following at Walnut Grove Cemetery in Worthington. The family wishes to express heartfelt thanks for the kind, loving care of the Ambassador Suites Staff at the Forum. Condolences may be made to the family at <http://www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com>

# Cemetery

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## Walnut Grove Cemetery

5561 Milton Ave.

Worthington, OH, 43085

# Events

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**JUN 8** **Calling Hours** 10:00AM - 01:30PM

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Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home

515 High Street, Worthington, OH, US, 43085

**JUN 8** **Funeral Service** 01:30PM

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# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Rutherford Funeral Homes** - June 07 at 09:51 AM

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“ I worked with Marv as color man on OSU football broadcasts for four years in the early 60s. In my book, "Monkey on a Turntable," I wrote:  
"Even then, Ohio State was a tradition-rich football powerhouse, and everyone connected with the program was assumed to be the best in their craft. Our play-by-play announcer, Marv Homan, didn't disappoint. I never heard one as good. His full-time job as Ohio State's Assistant Sports Information Director responsible for, among other things, assembling each year's media guides to Ohio State sports, gave him top-of-mind access to a wealth of background data on each team member and coach. And his natural Midwestern reserve made him a welcome guest in every home. The four years Marv and I spent working Ohio State football games, home and away, remain among my happiest radio memories."

Ken Keller

**Ken Keller** - June 10 at 03:57 PM

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“ Marv Homan will always be the one-and-only Voice Of The Buckeyes for reasons both within and beyond his control. Yes, he was an excellent radio play-by-play announcer because of his ability to capture all he was seeing on the field and in the stands, and he did so with integrity, wisdom, and a voice that was singular and perfect. But beyond that, Marv was like Johnny Carson and Phil Donahue and others who will always sit at the top of their genre: they presided over the most magical period in American history, the postwar decades, when America was as magical as magical gets.

After 15 years of Great Depression and WWII, America was suddenly safe, steady jobs were plentiful, America felt good about itself and was being led by honorable government and business leaders. And the people of America worked hard at their jobs and still had balanced lives that gave most of them their evenings and weekends to, at long last after all the misery, revel in the simple joys of family, security, national pride, and leisure.

And stepping into this remarkable period of time was a sport that Bo Schembechler described to me this way, decades later: "Football", said Bo, "is The Great American Men's Sport". And to this day, I have yet to hear a more perfect definition of the sport. I was a very young boy in the Dayton area in the 1950s and then played high school and college football in the '60s. And during my formative years, the constant autumn Saturday companion to my father, his close buddies who had also survived the war, and me, the tag-along-with-Dad kid, was that almighty radio in the living room and Marv Homan's voice calling the games of our Buckeyes. My father and his friends were only a few years departed from the unimaginable horror that they had all experienced as warriors in world war two. I think now what a joy it must have been for them to gather in a living room and listen to their Buckeyes, knowing they had good jobs, loving and safe families, and an America that, postwar, they were now building into the greatest nation on the planet. I always connected their laughter and armchair quarterbacking and JOY with Marv's voice on the radio.

All of that childhood bliss propelled me towards a career position I never expected to reach. But it happened for me at age 30. And I knew I had the most impossible task: to somehow try to fill the shoes of Marv Homan as Voice Of The Buckeyes. What helped me more than I can ever adequately express: Marv was still the SID at OSU, so I had the privilege and luck to experience his grace, intelligence, and encyclopedic knowledge of all things Ohio State. He was always helpful. And I will always feel doubly blessed that he, more than any other, stirred me at that young age to aspire to play-by-play announcing and sit in the seat he had occupied.

The "times" were perfect for celebration. And Marv stepped onto that joyous American merry-go-round of college play-by-play announcing when college football was first fully blooming - there can only be one First Time - and was up to the moment and delivered greatness. Thank you, Marv, for your skill, intelligence, and integrity and for planting a tiny seed in a little Dayton boy's brain that finally reached full bloom beginning with the '79-80 football and basketball seasons. You will always be THE Voice of the Buckeyes because you presided over the First Time. And because you were very, very good at what you did. Thank you.



“ We would like to send our heartfelt condolences to Marv’s family. We grew up listening to him announcing the OSU games. He was such a nice man and our parents thought so much of him.

Fred Taylor’s daughters—Janna, Krista. Nikki and Shar

Janna Roewer - June 09 at 08:42 AM

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“ I was saddened to hear about Marv's passing. Some of my greatest childhood memories were of listening to Marv announce Ohio State football games on cool fall Saturdays. I can still hear his call of Mike Lantry's miss at the end of THE GAME in 1974 - "A good pass from center, it is set down, the kick it high, it has the distance, it is.....it is no good!!!! He missed it!! It is not good." I sent him a letter when Ohio State would no longer let him do the game due to his job as sports information director. He replied with a very nice letter and said it was a conflict of interest. RIP, Marv. You were a legend at Ohio State.

Kyle Stinson

Kyle Stinson - June 08 at 06:55 PM

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“ My heartfelt condolences to the Homan Family. Marv was one of my first bosses when I was a student assistant in The Ohio State Sports Information Office. He was always warm, welcoming and kind. While his career and impact on the college sports world were legendary, it is his soul and character I will remember most. How blessed I was to know him. Rest in Peace, dear, sweet man.

Denise Seomin

Denise Seomin - June 08 at 01:44 PM

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“ Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Marvin W Homan.



June 08 at 12:31 PM



“ As back door neighbors many decades ago the Lawless family has wonderful fun and fond memories of Marv and his family. It was so nice that our parents stayed in touch over the years. As many I grew up listening to Marv call the ball games on the radio. It was like having a celebrity as a neighbor. Our sincere sympathy to all Marv's family and friends. The Lawless Family - Marilyn, Sue, Jeff

**Sue Lawless** - June 08 at 10:59 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marvin W Homan.



June 07 at 08:53 PM

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“ Started following OSU sports during the Lucas-Havlicek era. Spent many a night with my transistor radio hidden under my pillow listening to Marv Homan calling the Buckeye games. OSU has had some great announcers over the years but none close to Marv Homan. Always got excited by when I heard him say "FROM ST. JOHN ARENA"

**Charley Hall** - June 06 at 11:57 AM

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“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Marvin W Homan.



June 06 at 11:03 AM